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HEALTH ADVISORY

North Dakota Department of Health Provides Health Information for Public and Private Providers Working With Hurricane Evacuees

The North Dakota Department of Health is providing the following resource information to health-care providers and local public health units working with hurricane evacuees regarding infectious disease and other health-related issues.

North Dakota has not yet received any federally assisted evacuees; however, people from the hurricane-affected area continue to come to North Dakota under their own resources. These individuals are encouraged to call the governor's toll-free assistance number at 877.468.9407.

All evacuees who call the governor's assistance number will be screened by a local public health unit to determine health-care needs. The health intake form can be downloaded from the Division of Disease Control website at www.health.state.nd.us/disease.

The following resources provide information concerning various hurricane-related health topics:

CDC's general hurricane relief page:

www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/index.asp

CDC's guidance on immunizations in response to Hurricane Katrina:

www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/immunizations.asp

CDC's guidance on infectious diseases in response to Hurricane Katrina:

www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/infectiousdisease.asp

CDC's Keep It With You medical record (KIWY):

www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/katrina/kiwy.asp

CDC's guidance for evacuation centers and shelters:

www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/katrina/shelters.asp

CDC's guidance for hurricane evacuees:

www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/katrina/affectedpersons.asp

Information regarding HIV-infected evacuees:

(CDC)

www.cdcnpin.org/scripts/features/triage_tips_05.asp

(Project Inform)

www.projectinform.org/20/katrina.html

Categories of Health Alert messages:

- *Health Alert conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.*
- *Health Advisory provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.*
- *Health Update provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; no immediate action necessary.*
- *Health Information provides general information that is not necessarily considered to be of an emergent nature.*

This message is being sent to local public health units, clinics, hospitals, physicians, tribal health, North Dakota Nurses Association, North Dakota Long Term Care Association, North Dakota Healthcare Association, North Dakota Medical Association, North Dakota EMS Association and hospital public information officers.